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SUBJ: SOMALI PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO GABON

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1. SOMALI PRESIDENT BARRE MADE PRIVATE (ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED AS OFFICIAL) VISIT TO GABON SEPTEMBER 5-7.

2. IN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ON ARRIVAL, BARRE STATED BRAZZAVILLE MEETING OF EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES HAD BEEN A SUCCESS FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, BRAZZAVILLE MEETING UNIFIED RANKS OF MPLA SO THAT THERE WOULD BE A COMMON FRONT TO NEGOTIATE WITH PORTUGUESE ON FUTURE OF ANGOLA. RE MOZAMBIQUE, BARRE STATED THERE WAS NO PROBLEM; WITH FRELIMO THE SOLE RECOGNIZED LIBERATION MOVEMENT INDEPENDENCE OF THE COLONY MERELY A QUESTION OF WEEKS OR MONTHS.

3. PRESIDENTS BONGO AND BARRE HELD A NUMBER OF WORKING SESSIONS AND TRAVELED BRIEFLY TO GABON'S SECOND LARGEST CITY PORT-GENTIL.

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4. ONLY ITEMS OF INTEREST IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH CAPPED
VISIT WERE DECLARED INTENTIONS TO REINFORCE AIR AND SEA
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS PLUS CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL TIES. TO THESE ENDS, A MIXED GABONESE-SOMALI
COMMISSION HAS BEEN FORMED AND A GABONESE MISSION WILL TRAVEL
TO MOGADISCIO IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.COUNTRYMAN

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